

BAR HILL NEWSLETTER

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The monthly bulletin of the
Bar Hill Residents Association,
distributed to all residents

New Residents

We welcome this month:

Mr. and Mrs. Campbell, 18 Almond Grove ✓
Mr. and Mrs. Hardman, 20 Almond Grove ✓
Mr. and Mrs. Lockett, 42 Acorn Avenue ✓
Mr. and Mrs. Milligan, 28 Acorn Avenue ✓
Mr. and Mrs. Prince, 18 Otter Close ✓
Mr. and Mrs. Sisk, 10 Almond Grove ✓
Mr. and Mrs. Webster, 31 Oatlands Avenue (first in the new
Hethersett phase).

Bar Hill Fair

Since there has been little response to the appeal for support for this year's Village fair, the committee has regretfully decided that it will not be possible to continue with the arrangements that had been planned. The fair has therefore been cancelled, but the dance in the evening (for which support is evidently good) will go ahead.

The committee would like to thank those who have put so much hard work into the fair, and hope that some of their efforts can be put to good use on other occasions.

Folk Night - Singing and Dancing to The Crofters

18th July 8 - 11.30 in the School Hall.
Admission 5/-. Refreshments will be available.

Tickets will be on sale in the Village during the next two weeks and will also be available at the door. This popular evening is designed to appeal to all ages, and it is hoped that most of the support will come from residents.

Any profits from the dance will be shared among several Village organisations, so that this is an opportunity to enjoy yourself, while benefiting other Village activities.

Requests

The Parish Council and the Residents Association have received many complaints from residents about certain aspects of public behaviour, and the co-operation of everyone in the Village is sought in the following matters:

Dogs are still being allowed to roam the Village unattended, fouling public areas and gardens; the danger to young children is obvious; so too is the traffic hazard.

Football is being played in areas designated as play-areas for young children; there is a large area, behind the shopping centre, which has been provided specifically for football.

Children should not be allowed to climb walls and fences, some of which have recently proved unsafe.

Litter should not be left in public areas of the Village.

Radios, record-players and television sets should not be loud enough to annoy neighbours, especially in summer when windows and doors are left open.

Thank you, on behalf of all the people who have asked us to voice these requests.

National Children's Home

The recent house to house collection in Bar Hill raised £9 10s. 0d. for the National Children's Home. Many thanks to those who gave and those who collected.

A. A. Pitman

Royal National Institute for the Blind

The RNIB Appeals Organiser for Cambs. and Hunts. is anxious to find someone who would be willing to help with fund-raising in the Village. If you are interested, please contact Mr. Jim Goodliffe, Tel. Cambridge 63600.

Child Welfare Clinic

There will be no clinic in Bar Hill during August, since the School will be closed for the summer holidays; the clinic will be open in September as usual.

Loan

In accordance with our general policy of assisting new organisations in the Village, the Residents Association have made a loan of £20 to the Sixpenny Club. This will enable the Club to buy a gramophone, to help equip a section for older children.

Many residents will recall the Bar Hill Buzz Bird - in whose name paragraphs were written - attempts to quash distortions of fact, airy-fairy fictions, and the occasional attempt to write down Bar Hill in favour of the purblind "Metropolitan Cambridge" concept.

With the recent ill-informed, ill-advised, and poorly subscribed purported petition in mind, perhaps it is time to put in writing in our own news vehicle information already in circulation, but already well distorted, largely by the usual vociferous minority, and to the detriment of the silent majority - more concerned with the enhancement of an investment.

First - the TV system: contrary to newspaper reports, the majority of recent faults have been caused by interference or cable breakage by contractors, fuses blown by electrical faults, and by lightning. At the time the report appeared, urgent work was being done, and is now going on, to check, repair and renew the cable network.

Second - future development: plans for phase 2B (on the hill) and phase 6A (east of Acorn Avenue) are well advanced, and, subject to planning permission, work should start this year. 6A will include a close in which show houses of most types on offer will be erected. Outline planning permission for the golf-course to be included in the Village envelope is sure, and this highly desirable amenity will come, subject to land acquisition.

Third - the flyover: this project has been delayed NOT by the developers or by the County Council, but by the Ministry of Transport takeover of part of A604 in the Trunk roads scheme for the Cambridge by-pass. The County are well pleased with the progress being made by the MoT Road Construction Unit, who have a bridge team working on our flyover, and work may be seen in progress by the year end. Part of the problem required redesign from single to dual carriageway spans.

Fourth - sales: one property remains unsold in phase 1 (Acorn Avenue, Gladeside etc.), fifteen in the original phase 2A (Otter Close etc.) and ten reservations of plots have been made in Hethersett. Factory units continue to be let, and more are to be erected. The present unimpressive sales office is to be replaced by an information centre, and the sales office will eventually be transferred to the "Show Houses Close" (see above) in phase 6A.

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